A most Exact and Particular

ACCOUNT

Of the ſeveral Tranſactions in

OXON,

In a Letter to a Friend.

Loving Friend,

IN my laſt I acquainted you that one *Thorp* at the *Mitre-Inn* in *Oxon*, was taken up for ſaying theſe words, *That he hoped by* Chriſtmas *day to ſee* Oxon *laid in Aſhes, and that if it lay in his power he would waſh his hands in the Earl of* Abbington's *blood*, or words to that effect: And now I ſhall let you know that the Mayor took Bail one *Kimber*, and one *Harding*, two Papiſts; when the Rabble knew who was his Bail, there roſe about three hundred all with Clubs and Staves, crying out, *No Popery*; and then went to all the Papiſts houſes in the Town, and broke their windows, but eſpecially *Thorps*, and his two Bail: That night theſe three went to *London*, and it's thought, to make complaint.

Yeſterday being *Wedneſday*, the 5th of *December*, there came in about eighty Horſe, ſtout Men, well Armed, commanded by Captain *Winch* and Captain *Flyer*, going, as 'tis reported, into the Weſt, but Lodged at the *Angel-Inn* that night, who came out of *Herefordſhire*.

About four of the Clock in the Afternoon came in my Lord *Lovelace*, with about five hundren Horſe, the greateſt part Gentlemen, and at the Eaſt-gate there met him the Mayor and his Brethren all in their Formalities; the Recorder made a Speech to him, and marched up the Street in order as thus:

Firſt went my Lord's Sumpter Horſes at a good diſtance; then went the Mayor with the Mace, and his Brethren all a-foot, juſt before my Lord, and next to his Lordſhip there were four Prieſts or Jeſuits, which he brought from *Glouceſter*, all pinioned, and the reſt rode in order ſix a-breaſt up to my Lord's Quarters, which was the *Cross-Inn*, with a multitude of Spectators; but about Eight of the Clock at night there came News that at a place called *Benſon*, and at *Wallingford* there was about 1500 Dragoons, and both places not above ten Miles from *Oxon*; ſo the Mayor raiſed all the Trained-Bands that live in this place, but I ſuppoſe it was by order of my Lord, and ſo ordered about twenty to be upon *Magdalen* Bridge, and blockt up the ſaid Bridge with Waggons and Carts; and it is reported, this day being *Thurſday*, they will pull up part of the Bridge. That night they pulled up a Bridge called *Oſney*, likewiſe kept a mighty ſtrong Guard all the night, but all was in ſafety as yet.

This day being *Friday*, about two of the Clock in the night the Trumpets ſounded, and there was cryed, *Arms, Arms*; my Lord Riding up and down the Street, encouraged all people to Arms, which I think there could not be leſs in number than four hundred Musketeers, and about three hundred of the Rabble with Clubs and Staves.

At the ſame time *Magdalen* Bridge was broken down, and beſides, the Waggons and Carts ſtill remain upon the Bridge, and about ten in the morning my Lord diſmiſſed all the Foot, to be ready at the beat of Drum.

I ſhould have told you that upon *Thurſday* the Prince of *Orange's Manifeſto* was proclaimed at *Carfax* by one Mr. *Mordant*, my Lord *Mordant*'s Brother.

This day being *Saturday*, Counſellor *Pudſey* brought into this place about twenty Men with Horſe and Arms, and in the Afternoon there came in thirty Gentlemen with their Sumpter Horſes, ſuppoſed to come from the Prince, but I cannot learn who they are: And in the Afternoon the Lord *Lovelace* cauſed the Horſe and Foot to be drawn up, and the foreſaid Mr. *Mordant* proclaimed another Declaration, for all Papiſts to lay down their Arms, and the like.

This day being Sunday, *the 9th of* December, *nothing happened as yet; but I am willing to let you know, I am yours,*

[H. T.

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